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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 21st August 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 21st August 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 70 carts of ragi and 9 carts of paddy came into bazaar as against 106 carts of ragi and 19 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 85 to Rs. 92 per cart during the week, against Rs. 87 to Rs. 92 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers.

The four Municipal Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots.

Mysore City.—(Report not received.)

Bangalore District.—There were good showers all over this week. Many tanks have received a fair supply of water.

The raiyats are busily engaged in ploughing, sowing and weeding operations. In some parts of Doddballapur lands are prepared for sowing gram. The standing crops are in good condition.

Markets are fairly well supplied, but the prices continue to be high.

Ragi sold from 6½ to 8 seers a rupee and local rice from 3½ to 4½ seers a rupee.

Burma rice is available in Government Depots and Co-operative Societies at 4½ seers a rupee.

Mysore District.—There is no difficulty about supplies of food grains anywhere.

There has been a little rain all over the district during the week. In Mandya and Malvalli the rain was good and ragi in those taluks is all the better for it.

Tumkur District.—During the week under report there has been a good rainfall throughout the district. Standing crops are in good condition. Sowings are going on briskly. Ragi has fallen in price from Rs. 92 a cart-load to Rs. 82, while the price of paddy remains stationary.

Kolar District.—The rainfall during the week has been general throughout the district. The raiyats are busily engaged in their agricultural operations.

The markets are fairly well supplied.

The demand for Burma rice is slack.

Hassan District.—There was a light fall of rain in some parts of the district during the week.

The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops such as *kar* paddy, paddy, ragi and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices of food grains still continue to be high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. More rain is urgently wanted in the Arsikere, Channarayana and Hole-Narsipur Taluks and maidan parts of Belur Taluk.

Shimoga District.—There has been no change in the food situation in the district during the week.

More rain is wanted in some parts of Shikaripur Taluk and Kumsi Sub-Taluk. The Amildar of Honnali Taluk reports that rain is badly wanted all over the taluk. Conditions in Shimoga Taluk are improving.

Prices continue to be high.

Kadur District.—Necessary food stuffs were available in all the markets in sufficient quantities, but there appears to be no tendency for their prices to go down.

Want of rain is reported to be felt in the maidan parts of the district.

Chitaldrug District.—There have been good showers during the week throughout the district, Jagalur recording the highest, *viz.*, 4.35 cents. The high winds have begun to abate and there is every indication of getting more rains next week.

The seasonal conditions are likely to improve. There has been no change in the prices of food grains.

General (by Food Controller).—There was good rainfall during the week in the districts of Bangalore, Tumkur and Chitaldrug. No report has been received from the Kolar District but it is learned that there has been good rain there also. The standing crops are reported to be in good condition and sowing operations are going on briskly. The rainfall appears to have been insufficient in parts of the Mysore, Kadur and Shimoga Districts.

The markets are reported to have been fairly well supplied. Prices have not shown a tendency to go down except in Tumkur and in the Bangalore City. In Tumkur the recent rains have had the effect of bringing down the price of ragi from Rs. 92 to Rs. 82 per cart load, while in Bangalore City the price has gone down from Rs. 92 to Rs. 89.

Burma rice imports for the current month have been coming in during the week. The issue of the rice from the Provincial Grain Depot to the Municipal Depot as well as to Co-operative Societies is being continued as heretofore.

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The Season and Crop Report.

READ—

1. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. Per. 148, dated the 23rd—27th March 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting with his review the Season and Crop Report for the year 1918-19.

2. Letter No. 8038—C. 872, dated the 13th May 1920, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, submitting his remarks on the above Report.

Printed as an accompaniment.

Order No. 39-98—Stl. 22-19-10, dated 14th July 1920.

Part IV. Rainfall.—The average rainfall for 1918-19 was 30.90 inches against 41.46 inches of the previous year. From an agricultural point of view, the rainfall was not only deficient but ill-distributed.

Part I. Area (Table A—1).—The total area of the State at the end of the year under report was 18,861,218 acres. Deducting the area for which no returns exist, the net area showed a decline by about 8,000 acres being 17,479,163 acres against 17,487,879 for 1917-18. The slight change in the figures was due to the revision of figures according to revision survey.